

REMARKS

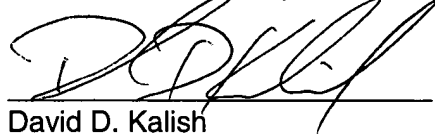
This amendment is in reply to the Office Action rejection dated January 12, 2006. The rejection indicated that claims 15-19 are allowed, claim 11 is objected to, claims 1-10 and 12 are rejected, and claims 13-14, and 20-39 are withdrawn.

Claim 1 has been amended to now include the subject matter of claim 11. Claim 11 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claim 1 and dependent claims 2-10, and 12 are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any issues remain unresolved, the under-signed attorney requests a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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